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Inspection Checklist

House Numbers

- Numbers are numerical characters, contrasting color from the house, at least 4" high, permanently affixed to the house & visible from the street. *Light post or mailbox numbers are NOT acceptable.*

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarm located on **every level** of dwelling
- Basement level alarm is located at bottom of stairwell, at ceiling level
- Bedroom hallway alarms **MUST** be within 10 feet of **ALL** bedroom doors
- Smoke alarm located in **every** bedroom – installed within 2 feet of the door, on the ceiling
- *Electric smoke alarms (hardwired) **CANNOT** be replaced with battery operated alarms
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old and are operational

Any house equipped with a low voltage fire alarm system (installed by an alarm company) must have that system tested and approved by an alarm contractor prior to the inspection date. A copy of the alarm certification provided by the alarm contractor must be presented to the inspector at the time of the inspection.

- * Electric smoke alarms, required to be installed by the building code, cannot be replaced with battery operated smoke alarms (NJAC 5:70 Section 104.1)

Do **NOT** install smoke alarms in kitchens, bathrooms, near forced air ducts or furnaces, in the "dead air" space where the ceiling meets the wall, close to ceiling fans, in crawl spaces or attics.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Located in the hallway, within 10 feet of **ALL** bedrooms
- Installed as per the manufacturer's instructions
- Carbon monoxide alarm(s) are less than 10 years old and are operational

Do **NOT** place alarms in electrical outlets that can be turned off by a switch or that are located against floor molding. Plug-in, battery powered and hardwired CO alarms are acceptable.

Fire Extinguisher

- ABC type, rated for residential use
- No smaller than a **1A10BC** (2-½ lb.) and no larger than a **2A10BC** (10 lbs.)
- MOUNTED** within 10 feet of the kitchen (mounting permissible inside of a cabinet or closet)

Diagrams

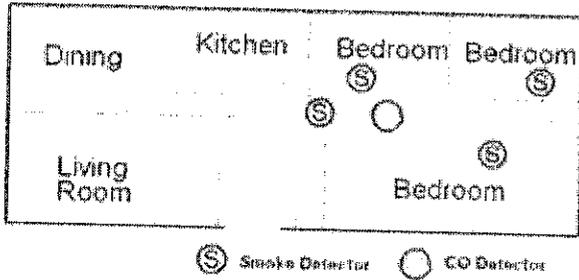


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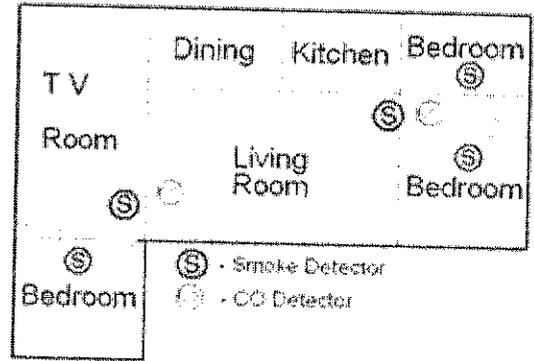


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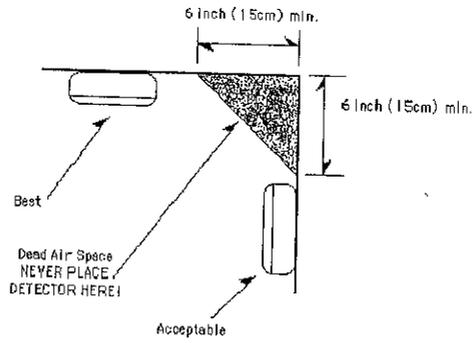


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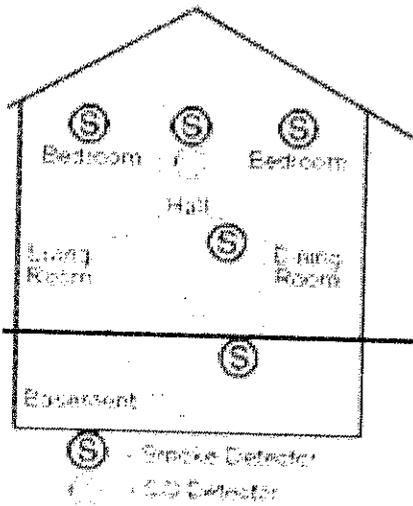


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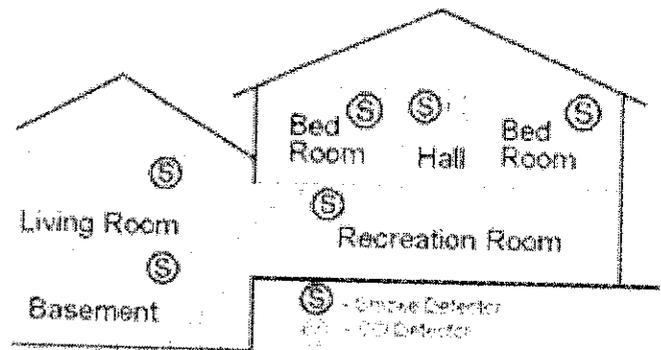


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FIRE SAFETY FACTS

WHY DO I NEED A SMOKE ALARM?

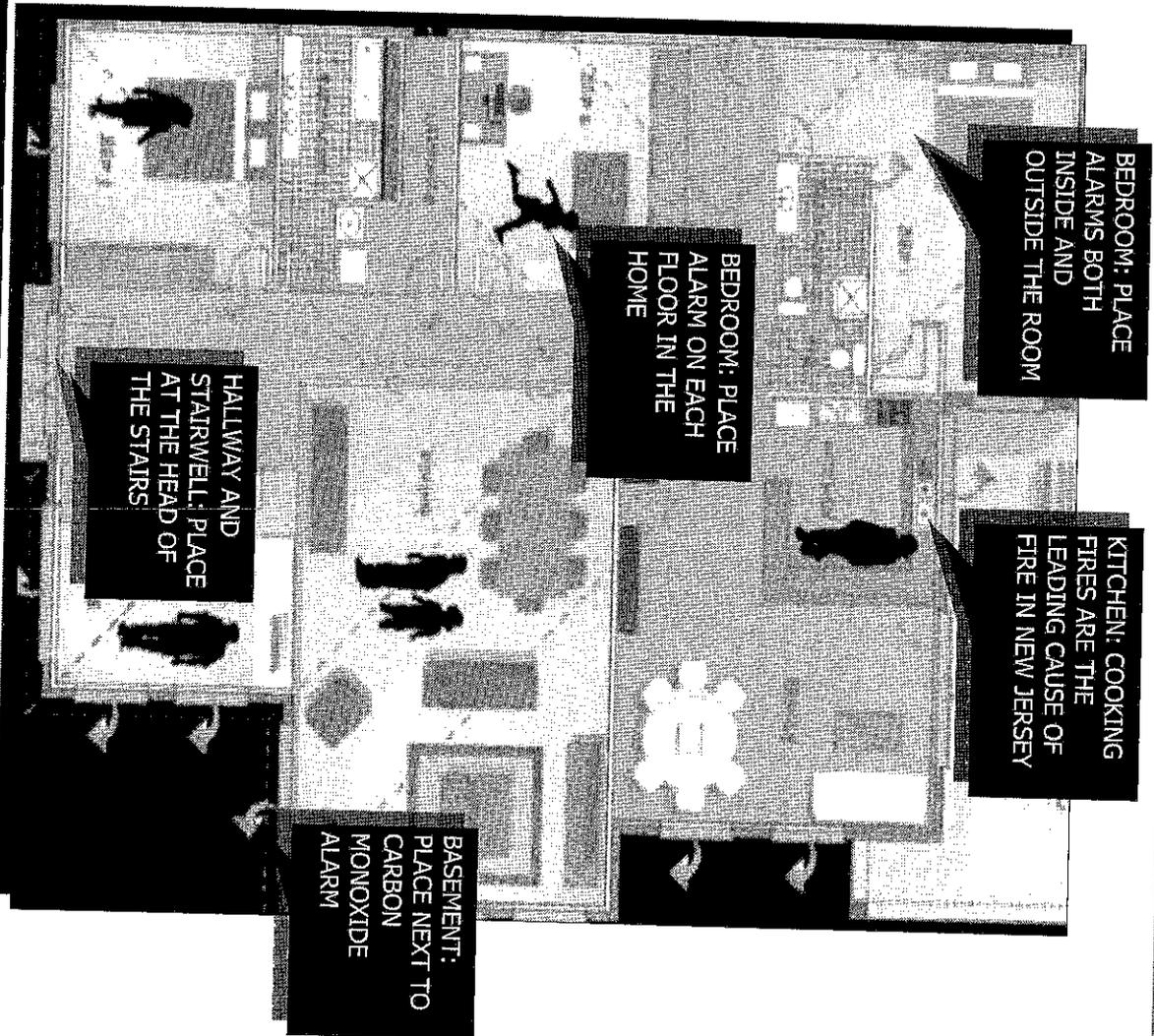
You need a smoke alarm only if you care for yourself and your family. Properly placed and maintained smoke alarms will provide you and your family a critical advance warning.

WHAT TYPE I NEEDED?

There are three types: PHOTO-ELECTRIC, IONIZATION and DUAL-SENSOR. Each alarm will respond differently depending on the nature of the fire. The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the US Fire Administration recommend the DUAL-SENSOR for optimal response.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

The most important thing after you purchase and install your smoke alarms is to maintain them. A non-working alarm is about as effective as having an alarm. Change your batteries at the annual time changes or whenever it "chirps" a low battery signal. Press the test button every so often to make sure it is working.



BEDROOM: PLACE ALARMS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ROOM

BEDROOM: PLACE ALARM ON EACH FLOOR IN THE HOME

KITCHEN: COOKING FIRES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF FIRE IN NEW JERSEY

HALLWAY AND STAIRWELL: PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS

BASEMENT: PLACE NEXT TO CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM